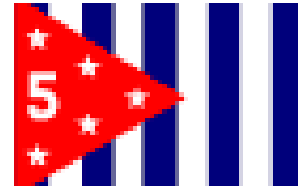




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2023 Summer Council



Lankford Bay Marina

Summer Council 2023

SAVE THE DATE!

28 July—30 July

We'll gather in Rock Hall, MD.
Details are still being worked out.
More information coming soon!

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Commander's Message

D/C Stephanie Ward, AP

It's hard for me to believe that this is the last of my Commander's messages. As the saying goes, *"time flies when you're having fun"* and this past year has definitely been a testament to that! I would like to sincerely thank all America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic members for putting your trust in me to "Reach for the Stars." I like to think that we've reached a few of them!

As we've emerged from Covid, I am confident that our District will continue to grow and thrive. I just returned from the 2023 Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL and was so proud of our District's representation and accomplishments. We continue to be the premier organization when it comes to teaching safe boating!

I'm also excited about the things that are being done to support the Districts and Squadrons. As many of you know, we recently rolled out a marketing campaign in the Chesapeake Bay Magazine, funded by the Henry Sweet Trust. If you haven't seen the ads, please check the magazine or log directly onto the landing page:

www.abc-midatlantic.org. People can click on a variety of interesting topics, including America's Boating Channel and submit their contact information, which will be forwarded to the local squadron. I think this will give us outstanding visibility in an area where many of our prospective members boat.

During this past year we've had three excellent District conferences and councils which were successful because of the efforts of your Bridge and committee members. I would like to thank Executive Officer Chuck Wells, Administrative Of-

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ficier Joe Gibson, Educational Officer John O'Reilly, Secretary Penn Hess, Treasurer Frank Hudson, Assistant Secretary Apryl Bernard, Assistant Educational Officer Mike Maszczenski, Assistant Administrative Officer Bill Hammett and Flag Lieutenant Dave Bernard. If you attended any of the wonderful cocktail parties that were held here or at the National level, you know how hard all of the aides worked, led by Megan Humphrey and Judy Stow. Thanks to all of you!

I've also had the pleasure to attend a number of local squadrons for their holiday parties and Changes of Watch and I would like to thank them for their hospitality. As Paul has said, "I haven't met anyone I didn't like in America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic!"

I would like to congratulate the incoming Bridge and wish them the very best. I know with your support and participation we will continue to Reach for the Stars!

Sincerely,
Stephanie Ward



Fall Governing Board
August 27 - September 4, 2023
Kansas City, Missouri



Mid-Atlantic District 5

TO: All District 5 Members
From: P/D/C Walter K. Neese - Chair, Nominating Committee
SUBJECT: Report of the District 5 Nominating Committee
DATE: 25 February 2023

In accordance with Article VI, Section 6.1 of the District 5 By-Laws, the following USPS members have been nominated by the District 5 Nominating Committee to serve in the positions listed below for the coming year.

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Assist Treasurer	D/1/Lt Frank Hudson, Jr., P

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Nominating Committee	P/D/C Jeffrey E. Short, JN-IN, Chair P/D/C Michael E. Payne, AP P/D/C Stephanie J. Ward, AP D/Lt Lorrie Short (OPEN) (OPEN)
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Respectfully Submitted,

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P/D/C Jeffrey E. Short, JN-IN
P/D/C Michael E. Payne, AP
D/Lt Grace E. Brown, P
D/Lt Lorrie Short
D/Lt Street Broadbent, AP

Annual Meeting 2023 Tuesday/Wednesday



Annual Meeting 2023 Thursday



Annual Meeting 2023 Friday



Annual Meeting 2023 Hospitality



Annual Meeting 2023



Annual Meeting 2023 Roaring 20s



UPCOMING EVENTS

2023

30 Mar-2 Apr	District 5 Spring Conference	Princess Royale, OC, MD
14-16 April	Bay Bridge Boat Show	Stevensville, MD
28-30 April	Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show	Annapolis, MD
28-30 July	District 5 Summer Council	Rock Hall, MD
7-10 Sept.	Atlantic City In-Water Boat Show	Atlantic City, NJ
5-8 October	Annapolis Powerboat Show	Annapolis, MD
12-15 October	Annapolis Sailboat Show	Annapolis, MD
2-5 November	District 5 Fall Conference	Lithicum Heights, MD
4-10 Feb 2024	America's Boating Club Annual Meeting	Rosen Plaza Orlando, FL



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